

REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, and has made amendments to the claims. Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 11 and 15 have been amended. It is submitted that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter lacking sufficient disclosure to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Claims 1, 9, 11 and 15 have been amended to adequately set forth the subject matter of the invention. Accordingly, to the extent that this rejection is applicable to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,904,700 (issued to Guo), 6,074,410 (issued to Kim), 5,782,858 (issued to Cheng), 4,479,495 (issued to Isaacson), and 5,792,176 (issued to Chang), which the Examiner has cited as pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The application respectfully submits that said references do not disclose, suggest or teach any motivation for the installation of a reflector and a pin as disclosed in the claimed invention. Particularly, said references fail to disclose an apparatus for applying accupressure therapy to a subject, comprising: a rigid body having a proximal end and a distal end, wherein the body is magnetized; a reflector attached to the proximal end of the body, wherein the reflector has a focal point; and a pin extending from the proximal end of the body and through the focal point.

No amendment made herein is related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated; and no amendment made herein is for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 250-7780 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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ATTACHMENT A

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An apparatus for applying accupressure therapy to a subject, comprising:
 - a rigid body having a proximal end and a distal end, wherein the body is magnetized;
 - a reflector attached to the proximal end of the body, wherein the reflector has a focal point [to converge magnetic energy thereto]; and
 - a pin extending from the proximal end of the body [for placing on the subject] and through the focal point.
9. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein each end of the U-shaped rod has a parabolic reflector having a focal point [to converge the magnetic energy thereto].
11. (Amended) An apparatus for applying accupressure therapy to a subject, comprising:
 - a rigid body having a proximal end and a distal end, wherein the body is magnetized;
 - reflector means [for focusing magnetic energy from the body onto a focal point, the reflector means being] attached to the proximal end of the body and having a focal point; and
 - probing means for applying pressure on the subject, the probing means protruding from the reflector means and passing through said focal point.
15. (Amended) An apparatus for applying accupressure therapy to a subject, comprising:
 - a U-shaped rigid body having first and second proximal ends, wherein the body is magnetized;
 - a first reflector attached to the first proximal end of the body[, wherein the first reflector has] and having a first focal point [to converge magnetic energy thereto];
 - a second reflector attached to the second proximal end of the body[, wherein the second reflector has] and having a second focal point [to converge magnetic energy thereto];
 - a first pin extending from the first proximal end of the body and passing through the first focal point; and

a second pin extending from the second proximal end of the body and passing through the second focal point.